

PHANTOM LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

June 22, 2006
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Approved Minutes

Steve Barber, chairperson, called the meeting of the Phantom Lakes Management District to order at 7:00 p.m. Other Commissioners in attendance were Carol Fait, Steve Verduyn, and Waukesha County Representative Karen McNelly. Town of Mukwonago Representative David Dubey. Grace Graham, and Pete Kumlien were excused. Also present were resident Robert Pakulski and guest speakers Tami Ryan and Brian Glenzinski.

S. Barber acknowledged that the meeting was properly noticed.

Open Forum - There was none.

Announcements & Correspondence - S. Barber stated that Dennis Nork reported that he had encountered his first drunk boating incident. Mr. Nork also inquired as to whether the PLMD is going to make a donation once again to the boating safety classes and if the boating pamphlets are also going to be made available. K. McNelly made a **Motion** to donate \$100.00 from our budget to the Boating Safety Classes. Second by C. Fait, motion carried. S. Verduyn will contact Mr. Nork for the new ordinance pertaining to the channel and then the updated pamphlets will be printed. Steve Barber mentioned that he has heard of a spray to put on the grass that can help keep the Canada Geese away. Possible further information will be forthcoming at the next meeting.

Secretary's Report – C. Fait made a **Motion** to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting on May 25, 2006, with the insertion of “G. Graham expressed her feelings regarding the hiring practices for the harvesting crew. She indicated displeasure with the process and if the process is not changed she may take action. S. Barber and the Board assured her that the hiring process to the best of their knowledge had been done appropriately and indicated that he will check into this with our new payroll firm.” Second by S. Verduyn, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - S. Verduyn summarized the Treasurer's Report. The total bills to be paid were \$985.73 and total deposits of \$2,935.37. **Motion** made by K. McNelly to approve and pay the bills. Second by C. Fait, motion carried.

Well Update – S. Barber indicated that John Jansen has referred him to Dan Butler, project manager on the proposed Village Well testing process, and reports that test borings were to commence within a week or two at the Caine property.

Delivery of Completed Lake Management Plan – There were no new updates.

Lake Monitoring Report – There were no new updates.

Harvesting Operations – Robert Pakulski summarized the various parts that have been replaced and maintenance that has been done along with the possibility for acquiring a new hoist to lift the paddle wheels. Also a pump for cleaning of the harvester has been brought to the Board's attention once again. Mr. Pakulski will give greater details of the pump at the next meeting. Appropriate life preservers are being worn by the harvester employees per safety standards. Harvesting costs billed to the Phantom Ranch Bible Camp have equated out to a fee of \$150.00 per hour.

Newsletter – Gina Krause presented to the Board changes to the draft Newsletter. The Board reviewed the Newsletter and S. Verduyn will give the final check before printing. The newsletter is expected to go out approximately July 19th.

Annual Meeting Preparations – The expenses were reviewed once again and the completed proposed budget will be published in the newsletter. The audit will be done by Act Now Accounting and a report will be available at the Annual Meeting.

New Business

Trumpeter Swans – Guest speakers from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Tami Ryan (Waukesha Area Wildlife Supervisor) and Brian Glenzinski (Wildlife Biologist), gave a presentation on Trumpeter Swans. Trumpeter Swans are an endangered species and a nesting pair has been sited near Phantom Lakes. By the late 1800's, it was believed that the species had become extinct. Fortunately, a small non-migratory population survived in the remote mountain valleys of Montana, Idaho and Wyoming. In 1987 Wisconsin developed a recovery program that didn't prove to be very productive. In 1989 a captive parent program was started in which cygnets were acquired from Alaska and raised by individuals or facilities. The cygnets (young swans) were raised for two years and then released in Northern Wisconsin. By 2005 there are 92 pairs of nesting trumpeter swans and they are reproducing on their own. These swans will return to the same area year after year. Unfortunately Trumpeter Swans and Mute Swans (which are not native to our land) do not

get along. The presence of Mute Swans in the wild has the potential to interfere with the very successful, but still tenuous, trumpeter swan recovery effort. Therefore the Mute Swans will be removed to allow the natural repopulation of the Trumpeter Swans. Bob Pakulski stated that he saw one Trumpeter Swan on the lake about two weeks ago. The Board also looked at a proposed resolution to protect Mute Swans that was brought before the Board several years ago. This resolution was never passed and the Board agreed that the repopulation of the Trumpeter Swans would be a valuable asset to the Phantom Lakes. A presentation on the Trumpeter Swans will be presented at the Annual Meeting on August 24th.

At 8:49 p.m., S. Verduyn moved to adjourn, second by C. Fait, motion carried.

Regular Meeting - The board will meet **Thursday, July 27, 2006** at the Mukwonago Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Krause
Treasurer/Secretary Assistant
Phantom Lakes Mgmt. District